you find in the administration reports of various years will show that the spirit of co-operation is spreading among the members of the depressed classes. The Co-operative Department has, in the recent past, been actuated by the idea of not increasing the number of societies already existing,—because, as a matter of fact, we have a large number of societies already existing—but to improve the societies now existing, rather than to the formation of new ones. Government hope that, with the greater spread of the movement and with the better conduct of co-operative societies, the progress of these communities will become more assured.

The other subjects that you dealt with, namely, education of the backward classes and encouragement of qualified people from those communities for recruitment to service, these are matters in which I have already given my reply. You may also remember that there is going to be a committee very shortly, which will go into that question.

I shall convey to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent, your assurance of devoted loyalty and gratitude.

156. Concessions to the Depressed Classes.

MR. KANDAN KUMARAN (*Nominated*), speaking in Malayalam, said that the Government had issued an order that every depressed class family should be given three acres of land on concessional terms. In accordance with this order, Parayas had applied for lands in all the taluks. But the lands applied for had not been assigned to them yet. Hence, orders should be issued to take up the applications and representations submitted by the Parayas, from the year 1090 onwards, and to assign the lands applied for, to the respective Paraya applicants. The lands applied for by the Parayas should not either be assigned to the members of other communities or be auctioned away, but should be registered in small blocks to the Paraya applicants.

From 1090 onwards, applications and memorials had been submitted by Parayas for the registry of lands comprised in Survey Nos. 1/13, 1/14, 19/1, 20/1, 28/1, 35/1, 30/35 and 731/1, in the *pakuthies* of Thakazhi and Purakkad in the Ambalapuzha taluk. As a result, the *Proverthicar* of the place surveyed the lands after receiving Rs. 5 and four boundary stones from each of the applicants. But subsequently, steps were taken for the auctioning of the lands The applicants went to the Dewan and represented their grievances to him. The order for auction was thereupon cancelled and the question of registry was referred to the Dewan Peishkar. The Dewan Peishkar visited the locality and ordered the applicants to put in fresh applications This was on the 5th Kanni 1097. Accordingly 181 applications were submitted. But these applications had not yet been disposed of. This matter was represented at the 24th session of the Assembly and the Government had promised to take necessary steps in the matter. But now it would appear that some Christian gentlemen, with the help of some Christian officers, were trying to deprive them of their lands and get them

registered in the names of some Pulaya converts. Hence necessary orders should be issued, at an early date, to assign these lands in the names of the Paraya applicants.

Early orders should be issued for registering in the names of Parayas 87 acres of *puduval* lands sanctioned to be disafforested from the Reserves of Alapra, Karikkattur and Valiakavu in Changanachery taluk. Orders should also be issued for the early registry, in the names of the Paraya applicants, of the lands applied for in the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Thodupuzha, Peermade, Changanachery, Pattanamtitta, Kunnattur, Pattanapuram and Kottarakara.

In the Tiruvalla taluk, 51 cents of land comprised in Survey No. 415/3/C of Tiruvalla *pakuthi* should be granted to the Parayas of the taluk for the purpose of putting up a *Bhajana matom* as well as for being utilised as a cremation ground.

The Parayas had not sufficient means to educate their children. Scholarships should be awarded at least to deserving Paraya youths. Scholarships should be awarded to at least seven Paraya students in each taluk.

The necessity for awarding a grant to the Orphange at Peruvincha Sivagiri was represented at the last session and it was replied that the matter would be considered when the authorities of the Orphanage apply for it. They had now submitted an application accordingly. Besides giving a grant to the institution, the Government should sanction a building grant of Rs. 500 for putting up a building for conducting the school attached to the Orphanage. The authorities of the Education Department should be asked to visit the school and issue necessary instructions for the proper conduct of the institution.

A full-time Protector of the Depressed Classes should be appointed at a very early date. The necessity for the appointment had been pressed in previous sessions.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ ഒടുവിൽ പറഞ്ഞ അനാഥശാലയ്ക്ക അപേക്ഷ കൊടുത്താൽ, അതിലേക്ക ചട്ടംസനുസരിച്ചുള്ള ഗ്രാൻറ തരുന്നതിനു ഏർപ്പാട ചെയ്യാം.

രണ്ടു മൂന്നു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായക്കാർ, പുറമ്പോക്ക ഭൂമി പതിച്ചു കിട്ടുന്നതിനു അപേക്ഷകൾ കൊടുത്തു എന്നും ഇതുവരെ ഭൂമി രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തു കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ല എന്നും പറഞ്ഞു. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ലാൻഡ് റവന്യൂ കമ്മീഷണക്ക എഴുതി അയച്ചു റിപ്പോർട്ട വരുത്തി ആലോചിക്കാം.

[A grant will be given under the rules to the Orphanage you mentioned, if an application is duly made. In regard to the non-registry of lands in certain places, a report will be called for from the Land Revenue Commissioner.]